

Remarks

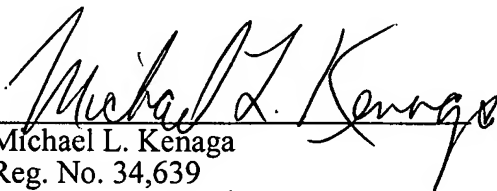
Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 19-22, 24-30 and 32-36 as being anticipated by Yoseloff.

In addition, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of claims 23 and 31 as being obvious over Yoseloff in view of Weiss

The claims have been further amended to emphasise the leg-by-leg playing feature of the present invention, with each leg having an independently generated winning object string associated with it. Thus, after each sequentially computed payout per leg, the player has a number of options, including being able to receive a portion of the payout and to progress to the next leg in which case a subsequent winning object string is generated and compared to the drawn objects in the next leg. This feature, together with the fact that the game utilizes a plurality of legs (with each leg being arranged to receive at least one drawn object), distinguishes the present invention over WO 98/55191.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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